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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION: AEGEAN DISPUTE AND CYPRUS

1. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION PREPARED FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE AEGEAN QUESTION RECEIVED ONLY LIMITED PLAY IN THE AUG. 25 PRESS, PROBABLY DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE ISSUE IN RELATION TO  
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MORNING PRESS DEADLINES. MILLIYET NOTED THAT, ACCORDING

TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY BECAUSE IT INCLUDES A REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ), AND WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GREECE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT MENTION THE SISMİK'S ACTIVITIES. HURRIYET POINTS UP THE SAME FEATURES OF THE RESOLUTION AND SAYS THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL DESCRIBED IT AS UNNECESSARY AND USELESS.

2. ASKED BY REPORTERS AUGUST 24 ABOUT GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS'S REPORTED STATEMENT THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE PLEASED BY THE RESULTS OF A CONFRONTATION IN THE AEGEAN, PRIMIN DEMIREL SAID HE DOUBTED THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT, SAYING THAT "TO BE PLEASED BY A CONFRONTATION, TO SEEK A CLASH, ONE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE LOST ONE'S COMMON SENSE."

3. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT DEMIREL ALSO TOLD REPORTERS AUGUST 24 THAT ALL OUTSIDERS SHOULD KEEP OUT OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. "IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMON SENSE IS TO SOLVE IT THROUGH MUTUAL TALKS...GREECE CAN SOLVE NONE OF HER PROBLEM BY GOING TO INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, APPLYING TO INSTITUTIONS, USING OTHER STATES TO PUT PRESSURE ON TURKEY, IMPOSING AN EMBARGO ON TURKEY THROUGH THE US CONGRESS. EVERYONE MUST REFRAIN FROM GOING IN BETWEEN." NOTING THAT GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE SOLVED PROBLEMS BEFORE AND CAN DO SO AGAIN, HE STATED THAT TURKEY WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT WITH PATIENCE AND CALMNESS.

4. DEMIREL ALSO SAID AUGUST 24 THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ICJ TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS INITIATED BY GREECE, BUT WHEN ASKED WHAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DO IN THE EVENT THAT THE UN SHOULD REFER THE AEGEAN QUESTION TO THE ICJ, HE REFUSED TO GIVE A DIRECT ANSWER, SAYING (ACCORDING TO CUMHURİYET) THAT HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON POSSIBILITIES. DEMIREL STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FIRST HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD DECIDE AND WHAT THE ICJ WOULD DECIDE AND THEN ANNOUNCE ITS POSITION. "THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS FOR ALL CONTINGENCIES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, BUT I SEE NO BENEFIT IN ANNOUNCING THEM TODAY."

5. MFA SOURCES WERE QUOTED IN SEVERAL PAPERS AS SAYING THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CURRENT ICJ  
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HEARINGS BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD BE TO GIVE TURKISH SUPPORT TO GREECE'S UNILATERAL APPLICATION. TERCUMAN QUOTED AN UNNAMED MFA SOURCE AS SAYING THAT "TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ICJ WOULD BE TO SHOW THAT WE TAKE THE GREEK APPLICATION SERIOUSLY," AND THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR TURKEY TO TAKE ITS VIEWS TO THE ICJ WHILE THE LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE IS STILL CONSIDERING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF QUESTION. MFA SPOKESMAN SEMİH AKBİL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "TURKEY'S CONTINENTAL SHELF THESIS IS BASED

ON THE NATURAL EXTENSION PRINCIPLE AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF CHANGING IT." STATING THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE HAD ACCEPTED THAT PRINCIPLE, HE ADDED THAT THE OIL PROSPECTING LICENSES ISSUED BY TURKEY IN THE AEGEAN REMAIN VALID.

6. ACCORDING TO A MEDITERRANEAN NEWS AGENCY REPORT IN TERCUMAN AUGUST 25, MININT ASILTURK'S REMARKS ON UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI) BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS (NICOSIA 2455) HAVE DRAWN REMONSTRANCES FROM "WESTERN DIPLOMATS" IN ANKARA, AND MFA OFFICIALS HAVE RESPONDED (A) THAT ASILTURK'S STATEMENTS WERE HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEWS AND (B) THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM.  
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